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1. The Polish-Czech border in the district of Kudowa¹ is guarded by a strong WOP (Military Border Guard) outpost. The frontier sectors are bare of trees and are ploughed and harrowed 16 meters into the Polish interior. Harrowing is done two or three times daily. In the wooded areas wires are stretched at different heights, and are connected to rockets. On one occasion a blundering cow caused the explosion of several red rockets.
2. Wilcze Doly², which is located near Kudowa, is closed to tourists, and everywhere there are notice boards warning people not to go into military territory. In Wilcze Doly some sort of underground work is in progress, by a military detachment of about 50, who are quartered in the neighborhood in three huts. Civilian excursion parties are refused admission into this area. Only groups of officers from the military sanatorium of Kudowa can have access, and that with difficulty, and they must have an officer guide.
3. Movement about the neighborhood of Kudowa is very restricted, not only to tourists but also for the local inhabitants who consist mainly of Germans who are hostile to the present regime. Access to Stolowe Gory is permitted only in groups and on obtaining a permit and a guide from the WOP headquarters in Kudowa.

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Comments.

1. Probably Kudowa Zdroj (Bad Kudowa-051/H03).

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2. possible Wilcza (Wiltsch-P51/H35).

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